

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Appl. No. : 10/820,964 Confirmation No. 9555  
Applicant : K. FUJIMOTO et al  
Filed : April 7, 2004  
Title : STORAGE SYSTEM HAVING PROCESSOR AND  
INTERFACE ADAPTERS THAT CAN BE INCREASED OR  
DECREASED BASED ON REQUIRED PERFORMANCE  
(As Amended)  
TC/AU : 2185  
Examiner : A.P. Savla  
Docket No. : H-5028  
Customer No.: 24956

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**AMENDMENT**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action (Final Rejection) of August 18, 2008, please  
amend the above-identified application as follows. A Request for Continued  
Examination (RCE) and appropriate fee accompany this response.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on  
page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks / Arguments** begin on page 16 of this paper.